MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It does not arise out of this.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*)): May I know whether after the the recognition has been withdrawn, the condition has been satisfied?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has not been enquired into.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the Government have sanctioned this at the instance of the Inspector of Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, I believe the Director is competent to withhold recognition and if any appeal comes to Government, it is decided by them.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): It is stated in the answer that the equipment is not satisfactory. May I know the unsatisfactory nature of the equipment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have not enquired into the various details of these defects.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Am I to understand if there is no appeal and that the recommendation of the Inspector is final?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The recommendation would not be final, but with the sanction of the Director it will be final.

Constitution of Co-operative Societies.

166. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) a statement, by castes, of the officers in the Co-operative Department; and

(*b*) a statement, by castes, of appointments made in the Co-operative Department since the present Registrar took charge of the department?

(2) Have the Government ordered that societies should not be established on a communal basis?

(3) If so, why?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of applicants who applied to the Registrar, since the date of the said order, for constituting communal societies, showing also the number sanctioned?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of the total number of members of all the co-operative societies in the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) Statements* containing the information required by the member are placed on the table.

* *Vide* Appendices III A and III B—pages 858 and 859.

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

(2) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*) of question No. 168, published on page 581 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings, as also to the answer to his question No. 221, published on page 601, of Vol. X of the Council Proceedings.

(3) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (2) above.

(4) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies reports that the information cannot be easily collected. A statement* of societies registered is laid on the table.

(5) The member is referred to page 7 of the printed Annual Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for 1101. The figures for the current year would be available only after the annual audit.

Superintendent, S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil.

167. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points in respect of the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil :—

(*a*) the name of the present Superintendent ;

(*b*) whether he tendered his resignation ; if so, its date ;

(*c*) whether he withdrew the resignation ;

(*d*) how many times he has so resigned and the reason in each case ;

(*e*) whether they have taken any action on the resignation ; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Police authorities also have made enquiries about him ; if so, the nature and result of the enquiry ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. K S. Pillai.

(*b*) Yes. He tendered his resignation twice *viz.*, in September 1925 and in June 1926.

(*c*) He withdrew his first resignation.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*). His first resignation was tendered on the ground of illness. No reason was assigned for his second resignation.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. He accused one of his peons of having the intention of putting his life in danger. The Inspector of Police, Kottar, made an enquiry and reported that Mr. K. S. Pillai was suffering from monomania. The Government have ordered his examination by a Medical Board, and are considering proposals for transferring him elsewhere.

Particulars re Sericulture in the State.

168. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long is it since the Agricultural Department began experiments in sericulture in the State ;

(*b*) the cost, both recurring and non-recurring, incurred up to date (12-7-1927) on sericultural activities ;

* *Vide* Appendix III C—page 860.

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